

What is claimed is:

1. A bracket for a multiple piece stand, which stand includes a plurality of elongate legs and an elongate beam supported substantially horizontally by the legs, said bracket comprising:

a generally U-shaped channel for receiving the beam, said channel including a base and a pair of side walls attached unitarily to and extending upwardly from said base; and

a pair of leg accommodating receptacles fixedly joined to said channel and including a first receptacle that has a first recess for fixedly interengaging said base and a first one of said side walls of said channel and a second receptacle that has a second recess for fixedly interengaging said base and a second one of said side walls of said channel, said receptacles being juxtaposed along and extending divergently from said channel, each receptacle being capable of receiving a respective leg, which legs are engaged with a substantially horizontal surface to support the beam above the substantially horizontal surface.

2. The bracket of claim 1 in which said receptacles comprise respective tubular components.

3. The bracket of claim 2 in which each tubular component has a generally rectangular cross sectional shape.

4. The bracket of claim 2 in which said first recess includes a pair of substantially aligned notches, each of which fixedly interengages said base and said first side wall of said channel.

5. The bracket of claim 2 in which said second recess includes a pair of substantially aligned notches, each of which fixedly interengages said base and said second side wall of said channel.

6. The bracket of claim 2 in which said channel and said tubular components include respective longitudinal axes that are oriented at obtuse angles relative to one another.

7. The bracket of claim 1 in which said channel include at least two holes for receiving a connector that is attachable to the beam.

8. The bracket of claim 1 in which each receptacle includes at least one hole for receiving a connector that is attachable to the leg received by said receptacle.

9. A bracket system for a multiple piece stand, which stand includes a plurality of elongate legs and an elongate beam supported substantially horizontally by the legs, said bracket system comprising:

a first bracket including a generally U-shaped first channel for receiving the beam, said first channel including a first base and a first pair of side walls attached unitarily to and extending upwardly from said first base, and a first pair of leg accommodating receptacles fixedly joined to said first channel and including a first receptacle that has a first recess for fixedly interengaging said base and one of said side walls of said first channel and a second receptacle that has a second recess for fixedly interengaging said base and the other of said side walls of said first channel, said first and second receptacles of said first bracket being juxtaposed along and extending divergently from said first channel, and

a second bracket including a generally U-shaped second channel for receiving the beam, said second channel including a second base and a second pair of side walls attached unitarily to and extending upwardly from said second base, and a second pair of leg accommodating receptacles fixedly joined to said first channel and including a first receptacle that has a first recess for fixedly interengaging said second base and one of said side walls of said second channel and a second receptacle that has a second recess for fixedly interengaging said base and the other side wall of said second channel, said first and second receptacles of said second bracket being juxtaposed along and extending divergently along said second channel;

each of said receptacles of said first and second brackets being capable of receiving a respective leg, which legs are engaged with the substantially horizontal surface to support the beam above the substantially horizontal surface.